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SUBJECT: SENATOR STONE (D. FLA.) COMMENTS ON TUNISIAN-LIBYAN

CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE IN AIRPORT DEPARTURE

STATEMENT

1. AT THE CLOSE OF A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY VISIT AT

THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA, SENATOR RICHARD STONE (D. FLA.) INCLUDED IN HIS AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE AND ON USG CONCERN OVER OPERATIONS OF U.S.-OWNED DRILL SHIP (J.W. BATES) IN AREA:

BEGIN QUOTE. I AM AWARE THAT TUNISIA IS, AT THE PRESENT TIME, FACED WITH SOME DIFFERENCES WITH LIBYA OVER THE DEMARCATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF SHARED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE HOPE THAT THESE DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND THE U.S. SUPPORTS TUNISIA'S REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION WHICH CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS END. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT AN AMERICAN-OWNED DRILLING SHIP IS CURRENTLY PRESENT IN THE DISPUTED AREA. I THINK IT WRONG THAT THE AMERICAN FIRM WHICH OWNS THIS VESSEL HAS CHOSEN TO PROCEED IN ADVANCE OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE, CONTRARY TO THE ADVICE AND THE COUNSEL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. OUR CONCERN IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CREW AND THAT AN ALREADY COMPLICATED SITUATION NOT BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE PRESENCE OF THIRD PARTIES. A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION OUGHT TO BE FOUND. END QUOTE.

2. TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT AT DEPARTURE AND TOOK APPRECIATIVE NOTE OF SENATOR STONE'S REFERENCE TO USG "ADVICE AND COUNSEL" AGAINST J.W. BATES PROCEEDING IN ADVANCE OF RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE.  
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